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SUBJECT: PURPORTED SPEECH BY FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA

REF: PEKING 2617

- 1. WE HAVE CHECKED INTO BACKGROUND OF NOVEMBER 1 HARRY HAMM ARTICLE REPORTED REFTEL. HAMM IS WELL KNOWN TO MANY IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND SEEMS TO MOVE FREELY IN BOTH TAIWANESE AND PRC CIRCLES. OUR CONTACT IN THE FONOFF (PRC DESK OFFICER) SAID THAT HE HAS TALKED WITH HAMM ABOUT THE ARTICLE; HAMM TOLD HIM HE HAD GOTTEN THE TEXT FROM ONE OF HIS "USUAL HONG KONG" SOURCES. HAMM DECLINED TO ELABORATE.
- 2. WHILE HE DID NOT DISCOUNT THE FACT THAT HAMM HAS SOMETIMES BEEN QUITE ACCURATE, OUR CONTACT IS ALSO VERY SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE TEXT. IN HIS VIEW, THE TRUE SOURCE OF HAMM'S INFORMATION WAS MOST LIKELY TAIPEI RATHER THAN PEKING. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. OUR CONTACT WAS BOTHERED PARTICULARLY BY ONE MAJOR OMISSION. HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT HUANG HUA COULD DISCUSS SUCH THINGS AS SOURCES OF TECHNOLOGY WITHOUT INCLUDING WESTERN EUROPE. IT WAS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT THE CHINESE PREFERRED DEALING WITH WESTERN EUROPE RATHER THAN THE UNITED STATES IN THESE MATTERS, AND WOULD

CONTINUE TO AS LONG AS THE US CONTINUED TO RECOGNIZE TAIWAN.

4. OUR CONTACT SAID HE SEES HAMM PERIODICALLY. KNOWING OF OUR INTEREST, HE PROMISED TO PASS ON ANYTHING OF RELEVANCE THAT HIS DISCREET INQUIRIES WITH HAMM MIGHT UNCOVER.

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